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ORANJESTAD – Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) hereby advises all passengers flying to the US in the coming days to check-in 3 to 4 hours prior their flight to be processed in time, as the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in Aruba is experiencing a delayed processing of passengers.

The US Government failed to produce a Fiscal Year 14 budget or continuing resolution. As such all US government agencies are being impacted, including CBP in Aruba. CBP is currently in a furlough status and

has several non-exempt employees that will not be at work until this is resolved. However, CBP Aruba will remain open and continue with their daily operational mission, but will be deploying fewer personnel.

Airline partners and AHATA have also been informed of the situation and were requested to cooperate in informing the passengers upon check-in of the situation to go through the process in time.

AAA will keep you informed of any other consequences or developments.

Digicel announces official launch of fundraising for Special Olympics World Games 2015



Special athletes, Olympics committee and Digicel executives

Aruba is home to several determined, tenacious special athletes who have represented the island proudly at world summer games in Shanghai, Ireland, and Greece, coming home with gold, silver and bronze medals every time.

The Director of Digicel Telecommunications on Aruba, Remko van der Veldt, announced the company is proud to sponsor the island's athletes and Special

Olympics Committee in their bid to raise the necessary funds to attend the world summer games to be held in Los Angeles, California at the end of July, 2015.

Digicel is the official sponsors of the Aruba Special Olympics Committee, funding the annual national games and training programs. President of the committee, Arturo Werleman, explained that to finance taking 28 athletes and

five coaches to the international games in 2015 will cost a projected 150,000 Aruban florins, (\$85,750 U.S.) which they need to raise apart from their normal costs and funds from Digicel. Director of Special Olympics Aruba, Karel Williams, explained that Aruba plans to participate in five sport disciplines in the 2015 games, bowling, baccball, soccer, track and field and table tennis.

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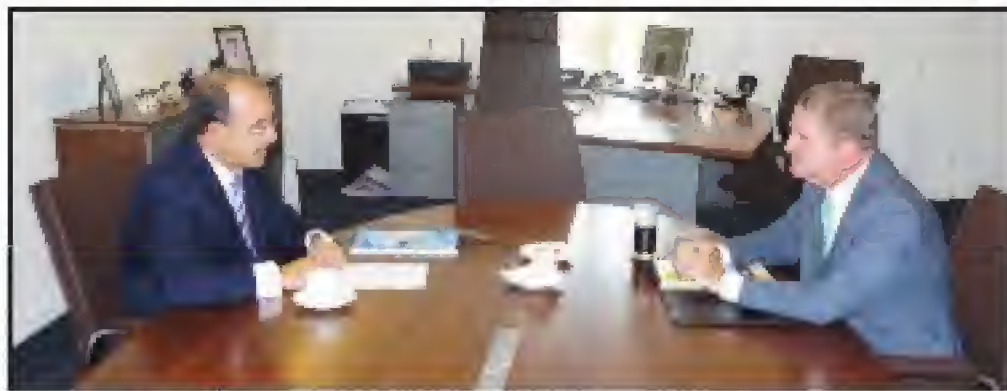
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Aruba in process of reforming the government



Governor Refunjol meets with PM Eman

Island administrators are now in the process of forming Aruba's new government. This takes place every four years following elections. Aruban voters went to the polls on Friday, September 27. Despite Aruba's ruling party since 2009, the Arubaanse Volkspartij, or AVP, having won all of their twelve seats again in parliament, plus an additional seat, thus all ministers have been re-elected, a new council of

some time with THE MORNING NEWS to explain how these changes are handled within a parliamentary system under constitutional monarchy, of which Aruba is a part. The island government emulates that of Holland, as well as observing certain traditions particular to the island.

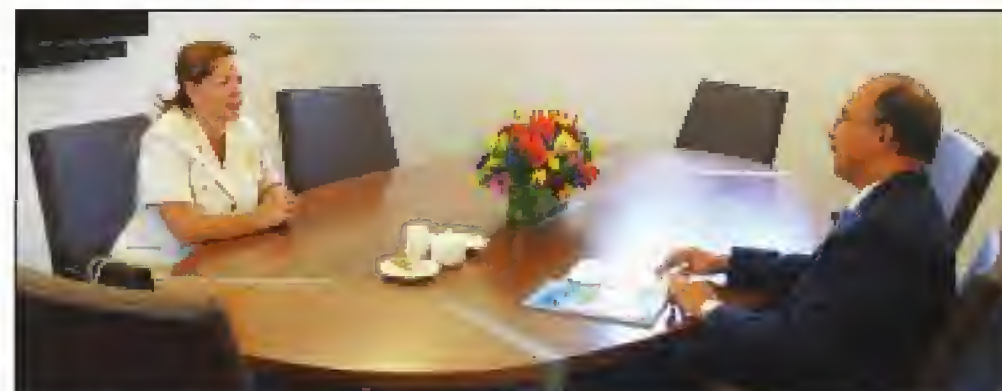
On the eve of elections, Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman visited the governor for the formality of filing the resignation of the existing ministers. This is a courtesy in recognition of the democratic process and the possible pending changes wrought by the election. Governor Refunjol accepted them and "took them under advisement." An actual resignation will be recognized once the new council of ministers has been formed. The resignation of all ministers will be accepted at that time, including those that will be re-appointed in the new government. As a council of ministers operates under the approval and consent of the parliament, the government will receive its mandate from the newly elected parliament, hence all ministers need to be appointed, even if they served before. This in contrast to the US system, where the President has his own mandate under which the different secretaries operate. Aruba's constitution requires that at least seven but no

more than nine ministers be appointed to office, including the prime minister.

It is traditional on Aruba for the positions to be filled by those elected to parliament, but it is not required. Holland has ministers who are appointed for their expertise, as does Curaçao, and they may not even have run for office. This is similar to the U.S. and the president selecting his cabinet, but on Aruba, the PM traditionally selects members of their party elected to parliament, nomination and approval needs, according to the constitution, to take place in consultation with the 21-seat legislative body. This procedure had more weight when Aruba had coalition governments and ministers would be selected from more than one party. Since 2001, a single party has won the majority of seats, (MEP in 2001 and 2005, and then AVP in 2009 and this year) which gives them de facto control of parliamentary decisions. The prime ministers were inclined to submit members of their own parties for the positions, from among those who won seats.

Now, protocol is that, after it is become clear who the candidates will be and the formation of the new council of ministers is finished, the Governor will present a list to the President of Parliament in a letter, who will respond and affirm their acceptance to office. The actual process of consultations by the governor with political leaders and important financial advisors is not formalized by law, but is a tradition that is respected and observed. There is no actual legislation that outlines the process of forming a new government.

"Everyone accepts that the



Governor meets with MEP leader Evelyn Wever-Croes

process of forming a new government must be led by someone who is independent and nonpartisan," observed Mr. Boelen. "By definition, as the King's appointed representative, the governor is independent. This is derived from the position of the Dutch monarch, the independent entity that performs similar tasks in Holland."

In the case of coalition governments as Aruba has experienced in the past, where

major parties won an equal number of seats and had to form a coalition with other parties, the governor might begin the process of appointing ministers by first installing an informer, an individual to delve extensively into the qualifications of nominees and their suitability in regards to the existing political and financial needs of the island. The governor can still elect to do so, if deemed necessary.

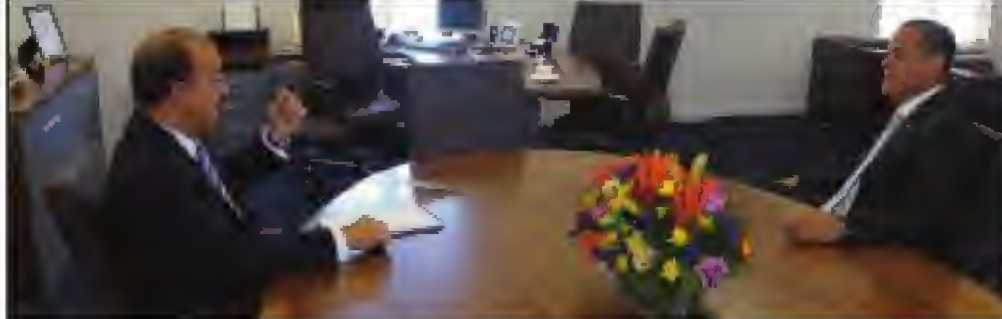
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Meeting with PDR leader Andin Bikker

ministers will be formed, under the non-partisan leadership of Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol.

Some of our U.S. visitors may wonder about the differences in Aruba's (and Holland's) governmental system from their own, and this time of change is a good time to point out the singularities that govern the installation of a new government. The Director of the Cabinet of the Governor, Mr. Martijn Boelen, was kind enough to spend



Meeting with President of Parliament Paul Croes

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Martijn Boelen, Director of the Cabinet of the Governor

When a clear majority in parliament is held by one party, which has been the case since 2001, the formation of a new government is expedited. Unlike the U.S., there is no lengthy process of investigation by congressional or senate committees, and a new government can be formed and operating quickly, usually within a month.

It had been suggested by Aruba's PM from 2001 to 2008, Nelson Oduber, the leader of the MEP political party, that ministers be vetted prior to appointment to office. When AVP won the majority in 2009, it was not required by law, but Aruba's new Prime Minister Eman insisted the process take place. A few weeks prior to this year's elections, regulations were proposed by the Cabinet of Ministers and signed by Governor Refunjol, demand-

ing that each nominee for a ministerial position be vetted, thus formalizing this process and making it mandatory for every future formation.

This entails investigation by tax officials, Aruba's national security agency and public prosecutor's office. The ministerial candidates will be required to declare their assets and whether they have interests or ties to any private enterprises, so as to prevent legislative decisions which may be prompted from vested interests. This is not expected to take very long, depending on how quickly the candidates provide the required information.

The process of forming Aruba's government and appointing the ministers who will administrate and direct the island over the next four years, officially began on Monday morning, September 30, when Governor Refunjol met with Prime Minister Eman. It continued through two days of consultations with the leaders of all six parties participating in the last election, progressing from those who won the most votes to those that earned the least.

Yesterday, Governor Refunjol sat with President of the Central Bank, directors of the Department of Finance, APFA, the civil workers pension office, and AZV, the national health insurance agency, to better understand the island's financial situation at present.

By Rosalie Klein

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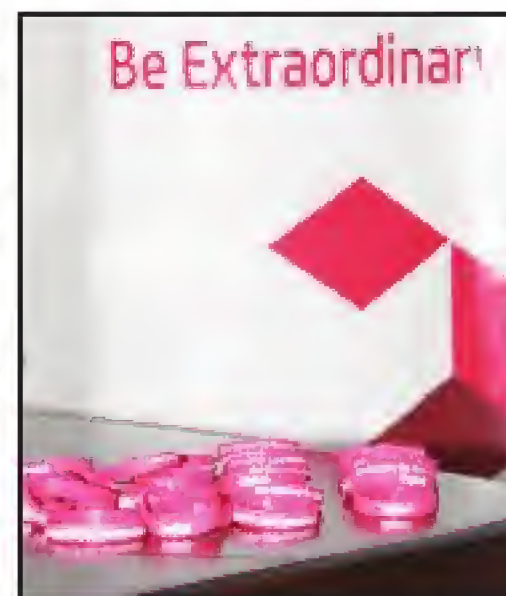


The committee has decided to begin their fundraising efforts early on, as they have fallen short in the monies needed to participate in all the sport disciplines they would wish to in the past. They hope the public will respond, and join them to meet their athletes during a special fund and awareness raising launch by Digicel at their Tanki Leendert outlet on Saturday, October 12, beginning at 9:00 AM.

The day will be filled with fun activities for all ages. There will be food and refreshment booths, various games, and bargain prices on cell phones and accessories at the Digicel mobile device flea market. Digicel has placed donation boxes at all their outlets around the island, and ask that patrons be generous. Digicel's Marketing Manager Elaine Singh, showed off support bracelets being sold at the teleshops for only 2 Aruban florins, with the slogan "Be Special, Be Extraordinary." All proceeds will go into the travel fund to send the athletes to California.

Special Olympics were originally founded by Eunice Shriver, and over 135 countries and thousands of athletes compete in the world games every four years. To qualify, Aruba's special athletes must go through rigorous training and also compete and win in regional competitions, just as normal athletes do. Mr. Williams cited a program which now exists having particularly talented special athletes train right along with "normal" athletes, many who gone on to win gold in regular international competitions. They have proven themselves to be just as good or better and won places on national teams to represent their countries at the Olympics and Pan American games.

Aruba's Special Olympics Committee has 350 active



members and volunteers. "We hope all the island will join us in supporting Aruba's special athletes in this worthwhile endeavor," stated Mr. van der Veldt. "We believe their participation is of great importance, and they have always done their best to bring home the medals. We know they will make us all proud."

By Rosalie Klein

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From September 25 – 28 the Aruba Marriott hosted five international media from North America including publications EBONY, Black Enterprise, Best Hotels of the World, International Business Traveler, KelleeSetGo, Homefront Magazine, Islands Magazine and Globe and Mail. Accompanied by Lisa Schwartz and Taylor Cinalli of Diamond PR the group stayed at Tradewinds Club, Marriott's hotel within a hotel, exclusively accessible for adults only.

After sipping from the Patron Mojitos and Dirty Bird welcome cocktails in Marriott's Great Room, the journalists enjoyed a sunset dinner at Marriott's beachfront restaurant Simply Fish. On Thursday morning the group took a trip along the North coast with De Palm Tours private jeep safari visiting Aruba's most scenic sites including the caves, Alto Vista, Baby Bridge and the Gold Mine ruins. The afternoon was reserved for spa treatments at the brand new Mandara Spa followed by a spectacular sunset sail with private yacht the Tranquilo. In the evening the ladies dived in bed at Screaming Eagle restaurant and were surprised with a special menu created by Chef Erwin. The 4-course dinner menu was served in "bed", which introduced the press to a new luxurious dinner experience.

On Friday morning the press was invited to a private luxury brunch in the resort's governor's suite by General Manager Tom Calame and Hotel Manager Matt Knights. Omelet station, sushi, deluxe salads, hors d'oeuvres and mimosas were on the menu. Afterwards the ladies chose to



paddleboard with Vela, while others relaxed at the H2Oasis adult's only pool. The farewell dinner was hosted by Ruth's Chris Steak House in their private dining room, where the group enjoyed sizzling steaks and signature

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Maduro probes purported US involvement in Air France drug cache

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said Wednesday he was investigating whether US drug enforcement agents were involved in a huge cocaine drug bust as part of a plot to brand Venezuela a "narco state."

"I would not be surprised if the DEA (US Drug Enforcement Administration) is behind this. We're investigating to see if this was done by the DEA through mafias," Maduro said in a speech.

On September 11, an Air France plane landed in Paris from Caracas with 1.3 tonnes of cocaine on board distributed in 30 suitcases. The cocaine has an estimated street value of \$270 million.

French authorities disclosed the find -- the largest cocaine seizure ever on French soil -- 10 days later, after no one came forward to claim the bags.

Maduro, an elected leftist, often charges the United States with trying to kill him and to destabilize his government, following in the steps of his predecessor, the staunch US opponent Hugo Chavez.

Venezuelan authorities have arrested 23 people, including eight members of the National Guard, in connection with the case. Five others were arrested in Paris -- three Italians and two Britons.

"They say the Italian mafia is behind all this. But all these mafias are friends of the DEA... work with the DEA -- all the bosses, the Colombians, the Mexicans, etc. It is big business," Maduro said.

"This is being used as political weapon to claim that we are a narco state."

"Venezuela, a narco state? We break records in capturing drug bosses, we break records in drug seizures and even surpass the DEA, which is in fact a transnational drug trafficker," Maduro charged, adding: "Wherever the DEA is, there are drugs, and what this looks to have been was a controlled handover of drugs."

The remarks were Maduro's first on the case.

In announcing the latest arrest in the case earlier, Attorney General Luisa Ortega Diaz said that all detainees except the National Guard officials were Air France and airport workers.

Ortega gave no details on the latest person to be arrested, but disclosed that one of those under arrest was the wife of an official.

The case was a major embarrassment for the National Guard, which is in charge of security at the Maiquetia Airport, where the Air France flight originated.

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Aruba and Argentina signs Tax Exchange Treaty (TIEA)



Ricardo Echegaray y Joris Jurriens after signing

Last Monday, September 30th Aruba and Argentina signed a treaty regarding the exchange of tax information (TIEA).

Mr. Ricardo Echegaray, Director of the tax department of Argentina signed on behalf of his government, and for

Aruba, Joris WP Jurriens, in charge of Business for the Dutch Kingdom Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Jurriens mentioned that the treaty between countries is very important for the combating of fiscal fraud. Accord-

ing to Jurriens... "Aruba guarantees a stable judicial system which seeks to create bridges between Latin America and Europe."

Echegaray indicated that... "the treaty will contribute to generating a safe and transparent platform between the two countries." He added, "We are seeking for the flow of business, finance and services to grow between our countries."

The treaty includes all imposed taxes administered in Aruba, while in the case of Argentina, it includes import taxes, VAT, taxes on personal wealth as well as taxes on profit.

As of the beginning of 2013 Argentina has been exporting different products to Aruba, among others, cigarettes, meats, chickens, oil, wines, and more. The treaty will not take effect just yet.

Jury rejects Jackson lawsuit in wrongful death trial



Catherine Jackson: Michael's mother, 82, was deposed for nine hours over three days by AEG Live lawyers. As the guardian of her son's three children, she is a plaintiff in the wrongful death lawsuit against the company that promoted Michael Jackson's comeback concerts.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A California jury on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit brought by Michael Jackson's family seeking massive damages from tour promoter AEG Live over his 2009 death.

The 12-person panel agreed that AEG Live hired Conrad Murray, but found that he was not unfit or in-

competent for the job, which was one of the requirements for the Jackson lawsuit to succeed.

The jury had deliberated for three days after a five-month trial in which the Jackson family alleged that AEG Live negligently hired and supervised Murray.

The verdict took only min-

utes to be read out at a Los Angeles courtroom, with answers only given to two out of the 16 questions on the jury verdict form.

Jackson died on June 25, 2009 from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol given by doctor Conrad Murray at his rented mansion in Los Angeles, where he was rehearsing for the shows at London's O2 Arena.

Murray, a Grenada-born cardiologist, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in a criminal trial in 2011 for giving the drug to the star -- who suffered from chronic insomnia -- to help him sleep. He was jailed for four years.

In the civil trial, the singer's mother Katherine Jackson, 83, alleged that AEG Live negligently hired an inappropriate and incompetent doctor and missed a series of red flags about the star's failing health in the run-up to his death.

The "This is It" tour was Jackson's bid at a comeback four years after his infamous child molestation trial. He was acquitted, but his image was destroyed, and he desperately needed to make money.

The Jacksons wanted AEG Live to pay \$85 million to each of the star's three children for emotional loss, and an unspecified amount for economic losses, estimated at up to \$1.6 billion. AEG's lawyers called the figures ridiculous.

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Washington paralysis sends dollar to 8-month low



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Washington's budget paralysis and worries it will lock up talks on increasing the US debt ceiling sent the dollar to an eight-month low against the euro Wednesday.

The second day of a government shutdown, because Democrats and Republicans have not agreed a budget for the fiscal year that began October 1, continued to erode confidence in the greenback and other financial markets.

At 2100 GMT, the euro traded at \$1.3580, compared with \$1.3527 late Tuesday.

The yen gained, meanwhile, despite concerns that a new sales tax hike, seen as crucial to shrinking Japan's debt, would derail a budding economic recovery.

The dollar fell to 97.34 yen from 97.94, while the euro dropped to 132.21 yen from 132.51.

Most attention was focused on the growing drift of Washington's budget stalemate toward rolling into the

crucial issue of raising the country's borrowing ceiling, necessary to cover a monthly budget deficit of about \$60 billion.

The Treasury and White House have warned that if the debt cap is not raised from the current \$16.7 trillion by October 17, the country could be forced to default on its obligations.

But some congressional Republicans have threatened to block the limit increase to extract political concessions from the White House.

President Barack Obama warned Wednesday that Wall Street "should be concerned" about an impasse over the debt limit.

"When you have a situation in which a faction is willing potentially to default on US government obligations, then we are in trouble."

The British pound rose to \$1.6223 from \$1.6193, while the dollar fell to 0.9026 Swiss franc from 0.9054 franc.

Eight dead in Tennessee crash horror

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Eight people were killed when a bus packed with members of a church group blew a tire and slammed into oncoming traffic, officials in the US state of Tennessee said Wednesday.

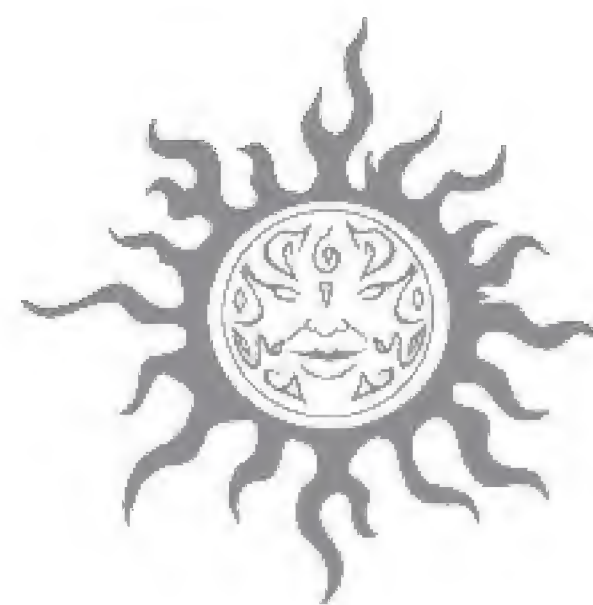
A statement from the Tennessee Department of Safety said the bus carrying 18 people veered into an opposite lane and collided with an SUV and a tractor-trailer before overturning.

A preliminary toll of fatalities said six people traveling on the bus had died along with one person traveling in the SUV and one

aboard the tractor-trailer, which burst into flames following the collision.

A further 14 people were injured, including four people who were airlifted from the crash site on Jefferson County's Interstate 40 freeway, Tennessee Department of Safety spokeswoman Dalya Qualls said in a statement to AFP.

Local media reports said the bus was owned by a North Carolina baptist church and had been ferrying senior citizens traveling home from a church event in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.



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US thriller author Tom Clancy dead at 66

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US author Tom Clancy, whose spy and military thrillers became worldwide best-sellers and inspired a raft of Hollywood hit films, has died, his New York publisher said Wednesday. He was 66.

His more than 25 fiction and non-fiction books included his 1984 novel "The Hunt for Red October" as well as "Patriot Games" and "Clear and Present Danger."

"He was a consummate author, creating the modern-day thriller, and was one of the most visionary storytellers of our time," said Penguin Group executive David Shanks in a statement.

"I will miss him dearly and he will be missed by tens of millions of readers worldwide," added Shanks, who was involved in the publica-



tion of all of Clancy's works.

The Baltimore Sun newspaper said Clancy, a Maryland native, died Tuesday "after a brief illness" at the city's Johns Hopkins hospital.

Clancy, who is estimated to have sold more than 100 million books worldwide, set his novels in the context of the Cold War and its aftermath, throwing a spotlight on high espionage and military science with rich attention to

technical detail.

"The difference between fiction and reality," he once said, "is that fiction has to make sense."

Ivan Held, president of Penguin imprint Putnam's, said publishing a Clancy book was "a thrill every time... He was ahead of the news curve and sometimes frighteningly prescient."

Beyond the realm of books, Clancy licensed his name to a series of successful video games such as the hugely popular "Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell" franchise released by French company Ubisoft.

"Tom Clancy was an extraordinary author with a gift for creating detailed, engrossing fictional stories that captivated audiences around the world," said Ubisoft on its Facebook page.

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International News

Killer of Dutch far-right politician could get parole

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The man who killed flamboyant far-right Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn more than a decade ago should be freed on early parole, a justice advisory board said on Wednesday.

Animal rights activist Volkert van der Graaf, 44, is serving an 18-year sentence for the May 2002 murder of the outspoken Fortuyn, an act that shattered the liberal Netherlands' self-image as a unified and secure society.

The Criminal Law Application Commission "believes it is in (Van der Graaf's) interest to be granted probation at this stage of his detention," it said in a statement on its website.

Eligible for parole next year after serving two thirds of his sentence, Van der Graaf asked the State to rule on his request to push forward his release date.

Two previous requests for early parole were rejected by Van der Graaf's prison governor.

Officials have warned however that Van der Graaf's early release could reopen old wounds, given the widespread public anger that followed Fortuyn's murder in a television studio parking lot on May 6, 2002.

Van der Graaf shot the openly gay and hugely popular Fortuyn, 54, at close range days ahead of elections in which the Pim Fortuyn List (LPF) party was expected to make major gains on the back of an anti-immigration ticket.

Widely seen as the forerunner of today's Freedom Party (PVV) of controversial right-wing politician Geert Wilders, Fortuyn called Islam a "backward culture" and called for Dutch borders to be closed to immigration.

Dutch Deputy Justice Minister Fred Teeven said Wednesday he would make a decision by next Monday to decide whether to grant Van der Graaf early release.



GENEVA (AFP) - A 10-year-old boy who passed a Swiss final high school maths exam for fun is taking a special course in the subject at prestigious Zurich University, the institution said Wednesday. Maximilian Janisch, whose father is a retired maths professor, is the youngest child to ever be allowed to follow such a course at the university, its president Michael Hengartner told AFP. Gifted Janisch has already skipped three grades in primary school, but cannot officially enrol at the university since he does not have a complete high school diploma. Instead, he will follow a specialised course aimed at talented high school seniors wanting to get a leg-up on the university curriculum. The boy told the SonntagsZeitung weekly earlier this year that he was "not a specialist at making friends" since his classmates were so much older than him.

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Bodies recovered from Kenya mall siege site: police

NAIROBI (AFP) - Several bodies have been recovered from the wreckage of Kenya's Westgate mall following a brutal attack by Islamist gunmen, police said Wednesday, as searches continued for clues and more victims.

As many as nine bodies have been retrieved from the charred rubble of the mall, some badly damaged in the intense fire that gutted part of the complex.

"Some of the bodies are not recognisable and need DNA testing to get them properly identified, some are badly damaged," a senior police source said.

It was not immediately clear if the bodies recovered have already been included in the official toll of 67 -- including 61 civilians and six Kenyan troops -- or if they could be among the 39 people listed as



missing by the Red Cross.

Somalia's Al-Qaeda linked Shebab claimed responsibility for last week's attack on the shopping mall.

Part of the rooftop parking of the mall collapsed after heavy explosions and a fierce fire, leaving the key area where the insurgents are understood to have made their final stand -- along with possible hostages -- buried under

tonnes of concrete slabs and rubble.

In addition, Kenyan officials have said five attackers were killed, but it is not clear if all -- or any -- of those bodies have been recovered.

Families of those missing have been called to the central mortuary to provide DNA samples to help identify unclaimed bodies, officials said.

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-- The Department of Public Health (DESPA) notifies the community that it has begun its annual campaign "Sin criadero no tin sangura, sin sangura no tin dengue" - "With no breeding ground there is no mosquito - without mosquitoes, there is no dengue." It is very important NOT to give the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito the chance to reproduce. DESPA's focus is to inform islanders about Dengue, its effects, what to do if contracting dengue, but most importantly, how to prevent dengue entirely.

The best ways to prevent dengue is to inhibit the breeding of the mosquito that carries the disease. Be very conscientious in disposing of empty bottles and other garbage in properly closed trash cans that will not collect water. Empty containers

strewn about can collect water, and the mosquitoes can lay their eggs in tiny amounts in bottle caps. Dispose of water in saucers under plant pots, in wheel barrows, old appliances left in the open and other objects where rainwater can collect. Be particularly aware that *Aedes aegypti* breed in clean water, such as pet bowls, but will not breed in muddy puddles. When throwing water away from a container, wash the container afterwards with soap and dry it, as the slightest water left behind provides a breeding ground. Fountains and pools in the garden can be protected by adding koi to the water to consume any mosquito eggs.

It is also important to place containers in a manner that it cannot be filled when it rains, and be aware of possible breeding grounds inside the

house. Change the water in vases with flowers or plant cuttings every other day. See if there is water in the tray under the refrigerator; if so clean it twice a week. Do a careful survey for objects inside the house that contain water and remove them, or throw dispose of it regularly and clean the containers thoroughly.

Dengue is a common viral infection spread by the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*. An infected human is bitten by a mosquito, the infected mosquito then bites another human, and the cycle continues. The female mosquito has a lifespan of more or less 30 days and lays her eggs (about 100) on the sides of containers with clean water. Eggs hatch into larvae after a rain or flooding. A larva changes into a pupa in about a week and into a mosquito in two days. Eggs that have not hatched can survive 1 year without water. That is why it is important to get rid of all eggs. Once immersed in just a little bit of water they can hatch into adult *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.

The mosquito - which carries one of the 4 types of Dengue virus - transmits and causes Dengue fever

Dengue infections are caused by four closely related viruses, which are called

serotypes because each has different interactions with the antibodies in human blood serum. Initial contraction of the virus can cause high fever, headaches, aching joints and usually, a lot of pain around the eyes, differentiating it from typical flu symptoms. In milder cases it can simply mimic the influenza virus. Once contracted, a person has antibodies that prevent them from being infected by the same strain ever again. However, since there are four different strains, a new strain can react catastrophically with antibodies present in a victim.

DESPA, the Department of Yellow Fever Mosquito Control (GKMB) and the Infectious Diseases Services

(DBZ) asks the entire population to visit the internet page on dengue: www.dengue.aw to obtain more information on how to prevent breeding grounds. Without breeding ground there is no mosquito. The web page also gives tips on what to do to avoid being infected with dengue and what to do in case of contracting the disease. It has complete information about dengue and its symptoms and several helpful suggestions regarding prevention.

For more information readers may visit the website or call the Department of Public Health (DESPA), the Infectious Diseases Services (DBZ) at tel. 522-4200 or the Yellow Fever Mosquito Control (GKMB) at tel. 585-3325 / 585-553.

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Sci-Tech

BlackBerry plans property sale to reduce costs

MONTREAL (AFP) - BlackBerry is eyeing the sale of office space to cut slash expenses after posting a nearly \$1 billion loss last quarter, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Last week, BlackBerry posted a \$965 million second-quarter loss, but said it hopes for a turnaround with a planned \$4.7 billion buyout by longtime backer Fairfax Financial Holdings, which would take the firm private.

BlackBerry was just a few years ago a leader in smartphones, but has rapidly lost ground to Apple and other manufacturers mainly using the Google Android operating system.

Most analysts are now sounding the death knell, saying the company will likely be broken up and its technologies sold off to other firms.



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Internet technology becoming cyber chic

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Models wearing Google Glass eyewear, Pebble smartwatches and other hot gadgets strutted a catwalk late Monday as Internet technology continued to merge with the world of fashion.

A Digital Fall fashion show here marked the close of the first Glazed Conference devoted to setting the stage for wearable computing startups to become billion-dollar businesses.

"It looks like technology for the sake of technology is dead," said Eliane Fiolet, co-founder of popular technology news website Ubergizmo.com and organizer of the fashion show.

Companies are increasingly tuning into desires for sophisticated gadgets that also let people express personal styles, she noted.

Jawbone lets people customize colors of Jambox wireless speakers that synch wirelessly to smartphones, tablets, or laptop computers.

Nike allows people visiting its website to design their own athletic shoes, and matches some sports attire with wearable devices that track daily active for those chasing fitness goals.

"There will be more and more integration with fashion and technology," Fiolet said. "We are just at the very start of it."

She believed that Google has touched on a winning formula with Google Glass Internet-linked eyewear, which have become a fashion trend in the San Francisco and Silicon Valley areas.

"Entrepreneurs aren't those nerds living in a closet anymore," Redz Snodgrass said as the fashion show was about to commence in a club not far from Twitter's headquarters in San Francisco. "They are out there pushing the limit. Anything that is technologically fascinating is sexy, and fashion is tied to that."

While fitness has been a winning theme for early wearable computing devices, such as UP and Fitbit bracelets for

providing feedback on whether people are hitting activity and sleep goals, Snodgrass thinks films and games will be the next areas to catch fire.

The one-day Glazed Conference was intended to bring together entrepreneurs, investors and others to explore ways to realize ideas and make money in the world of wearable computing.

Among the attendees was self-described 'cybertechnician' Tyler Freeman, who sported Drum Pants lined with sensors that let him play percussion beats by slapping various spots on his legs. The sensor strips are held in place with Velcro, meaning they can

be swapped between pieces of a wardrobe, he explained.

Tapping on Drum Pants sends signals wirelessly to smartphones, which then direct thumps or synthesized sounds to come from speakers. The sensors could be used to control PowerPoint presentations or Google Glass cameras with casual touches of a leg, according to Freeman.

Fiolet already has her sites set on next year's show, with hopes of being able to showcase creations of London-based CuteCircuit, the cyber chic fashion house that wowed the world with a "Twitter Dress" worn by a celebrity to a 4G mobile network launch event in Britain in late 2012.

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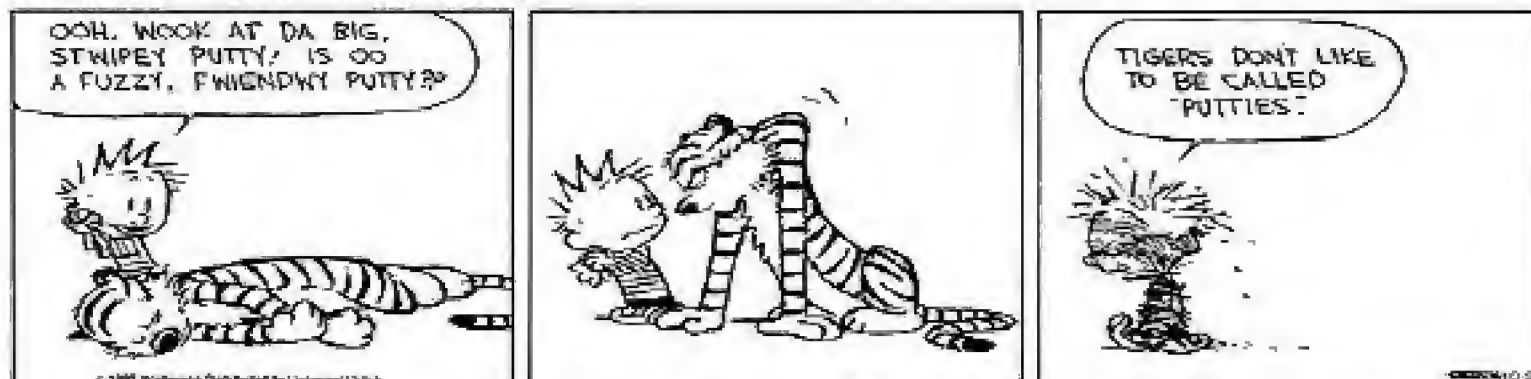
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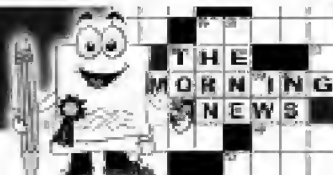
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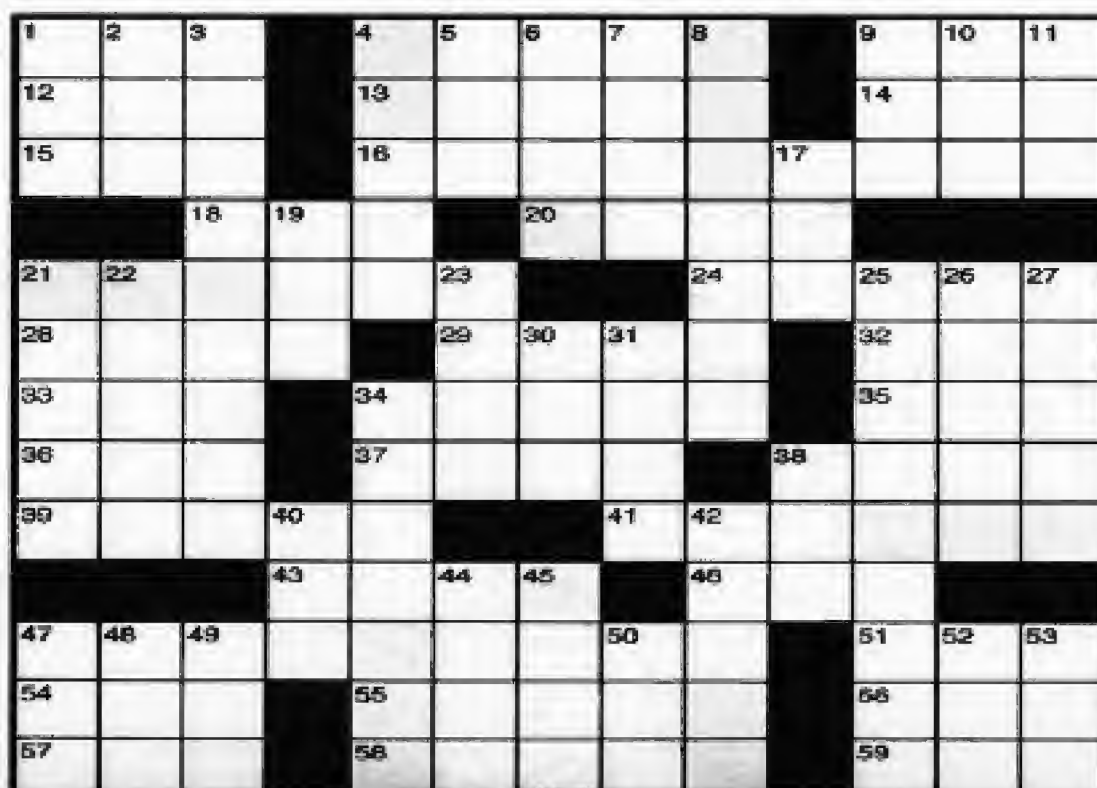
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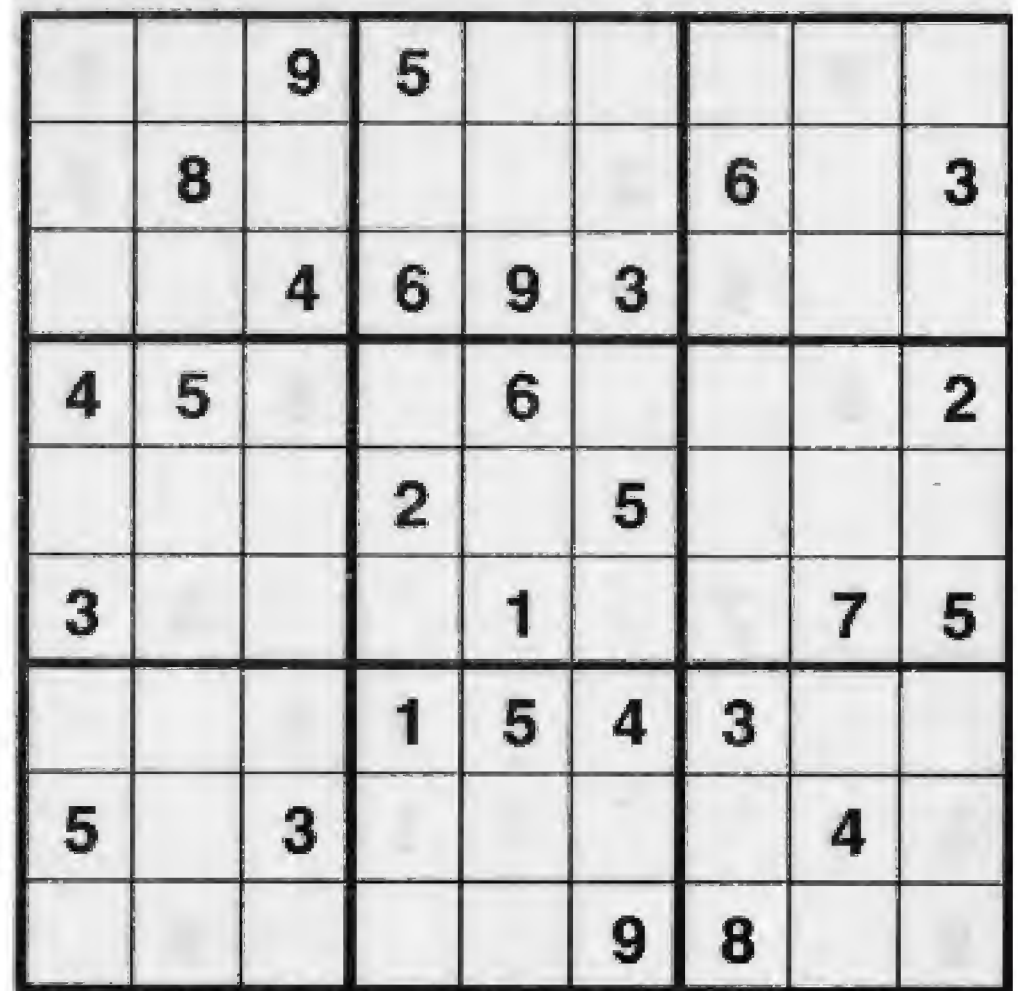
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FINANCE

US debt cap worries as government shutdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Fears were mounting Wednesday that a fight over the government's debt ceiling will overtake the budget battle that has paralyzed Washington, threatening to trigger an unprecedented US default.

Republican lawmakers, frustrated that they have not won any concessions from Democrats over health care reform, have threatened to roll the two issues together.

That signalled not only that the government shutdown could run for two weeks, but also that there could be a battle to the brink over the borrowing limit that would frighten global markets.

Showing the same concern, the US Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew warned again Tuesday that the government will run out of money by October 17, placing it in a position of reneging on payments.

With a monthly deficit of around \$60 billion to address, Lew said in a letter to House Republican leader John Boehner that time is running out to raise the ceiling.

By October 17, he said, "we will be left to meet our country's commitments at that time with only approximately \$30 billion."

"If we have insufficient cash

on hand, it would be impossible for the United States of America to meet all of its obligations for the first time in our history."

After first brushing off the shutdown as likely short-lived, analysts and investors were distinctly more worried by Wednesday, with US stocks sinking around 0.4 percent in early trade.

A prolonged shutdown could put a deep dent in economic growth, while a missed payment -- especially a debt payment -- would rock global markets, and possibly send US interest rates higher.

"The mere fact that raising the debt ceiling is being debated will have a detrimental effect on equity and bond markets through the uncertainty and risk such a debate creates," said an analysts' note from IHS Global Insight.

"A delayed debt payment will have a notable impact on bond yields and would trigger a credit downgrade, harming economic growth."

The shutdown came after President Barack Obama rejected moves to tie approval of government funding for the 2014 fiscal year, which began October 1, to their effort to kill Obama's health reforms.

House Republicans' insistence on linking the two meant no budget bill could pass the Congress, forcing the White House to shut down large parts of the federal government for lack of funds.

But their high risk, high profile effort reaped the Republicans nothing but public opprobrium, leaving them to turn to the debt ceiling to leverage some face-saving concessions from the White House.

"Now that you've got the shutdown, I think you'll see the debt ceiling and this merge and

move together," Republican Senator Tom Coburn said.

House Republican Paul Ryan said: "Most budget agreements in the past have always involved debt limit increases. We think that's the forcing mechanism."

Obama has repeatedly said he would not be held hostage on either issue, pointing to an escalating fight.

This happened in 2011 when spending-and-debt ceiling battle went to the final minutes before a compromise was reached that averted a default but also set the stage for the current fight.

Because that battle went down to the line, days later Standard & Poor's dealt the US its first ever credit rating downgrade, cutting it from the top-grade AAA to AA+.

Sean West, US director of political risk consultant Eurasia Group, said he expected the two issues to merge and continue until the October 17 deadline.

"This will all roll together, and then we potentially have a very nasty fight in the run up to the debt ceiling. ... This is an ugly fight."

Yet, he said, neither Republican nor Democratic leaders want to test what happens if the country is forced to miss payments.

"The debt ceiling is the action-forcing event," he said. "I continue to believe that nobody wants to go through that deadline."

Yet many analysts fear sheer stubbornness or a "political ac-



WASHINGTON, DC : Children from the Head Start program at the Edward C. Mazique Parent Child Center join supporters and members of Congress to call for an end to the partial federal government shut down and fund the comprehensive education, health and nutrition service for low-income children and their families outside the U.S. Capitol October 2, 2013 in Washington, DC. The US government shutdown could block hundreds of cancer patients, including children, from entering last-ditch clinical trials for treatment, a spokesman for the National Institutes of Health told AFP Wednesday.

cident" such as a miscommunication or a misunderstanding could prevent a timely deal.

Brian Rehling, a bond market specialist at Wells Fargo Advisors, said a US default, even if momentary, "would likely have far-reaching implications."

"For the bond market, an actual default even if only temporary or technical is unthinkable and considered inconceivable," he said.

He acknowledged that because of the greenback's leading reserve role in the global economy, markets might not have much choice but to continue buying dollar-backed US debt.

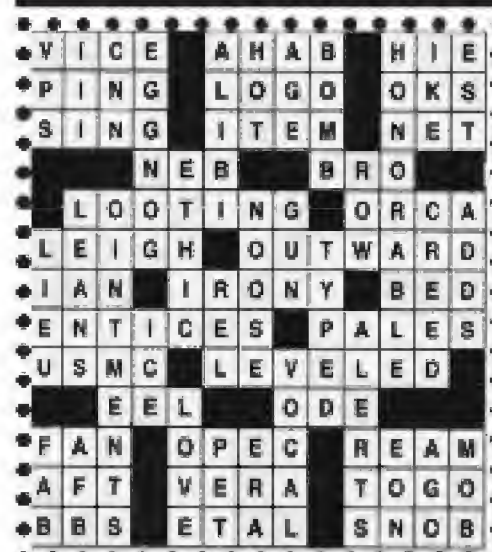
But he added: "We do not think politicians -- Democrat or Republican -- would be willing to find out."

Meanwhile US stocks fell as the reality of the government shutdown depressed markets and raised concerns about the possibility of a US debt default due to political gridlock.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 62.80 (0.41 percent) to 15,128.90.

The broad-based S&P 500 slipped 1.45 (0.09 percent) to 1,693.55, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index gave up 2.96 (0.08 percent) to 3,815.02.

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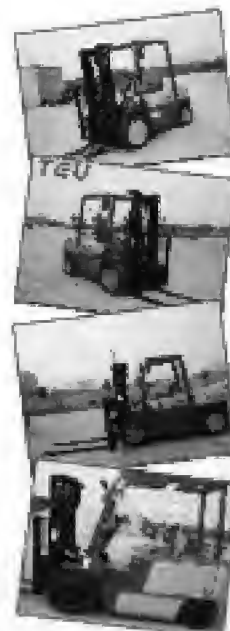


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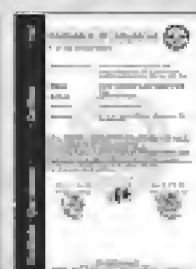
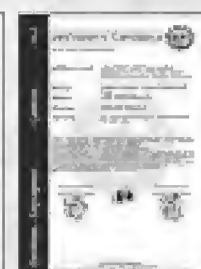
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Bolivia police seize \$1 million in drug loot tossed from plane

LA PAZ (AFP) - Suspected drug traffickers tossed a bag containing more than a million dollars from a low-flying airplane, but the loot missed its mark and was seized by police, officials said Wednesday.

"A white bag containing, it later became evident, 26 bundles of cash, was thrown from the aircraft" Tuesday as it made a low pass over a clandestine airstrip in Bolivia's Santa Cruz province, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Anti-drug police raided the airstrip, seizing the money along with an automatic rifle

and other weapons, cell phones and two vehicles.

Police said the money, all in US currency, was in denominations of from \$20 dollars to \$1,000, and probably was proceeds from drug trafficking.

Police believe that it was delivered from Paraguay, because it was wrapped with a seal from an unidentified bank in that country.

Bolivia is a drug trafficking hub in Latin America and is now the world's third biggest manufacturer of cocaine, after Peru and Colombia.

Officials said several Bolivians have been arrested in the ongoing investigation.

Quakes rattle Spain, offshore gas storage project blamed

MADRID (AFP) - Hundreds of small earthquakes which have rattled Spain's eastern coast were blamed Wednesday by green groups and geologists on a large offshore gas storage plant that started operating in June.

More than 300 earthquakes have struck the Gulf of Valencia, a zone not normally known for seismic activity, over the past month, according to Spain's National Geographic Institute.

The strongest, a 4.2 magnitude earthquake, hit in the early hours of Tuesday. It did not cause any damage but frightened residents.

Inmaculada Ramirez, a shop owner in the coastal town of Vinaros which faces the offshore gas storage plant, said she was woken up by the earthquake.

"The windows shook as if a train was flying overhead or a very long train was passing by," the 55-year-old told AFP by telephone.

Ten earthquakes with a magnitude between 1.4 and 2.9 were registered on Wednesday.

The wave of earthquakes prompted the government to halt an injection of gas into a giant offshore storage plant on September 16 in the Gulf of Valencia, while scientists study whether they triggered the tremors.

The Castor storage plant aims

to store gas in a depleted oil reservoir 1.7 kilometres (1.05 miles) under the Mediterranean Sea and send it via a pipeline to Spain's national grid.

The plant, owned and operated by Spanish firm Escal UGS, can hold up to 1.3 billion cubic metres of gas, enough to meet the needs for the region of Valencia for three months.

About 100 million cubic metres were injected into the plant, which opened in June, before the government suspended its activity.

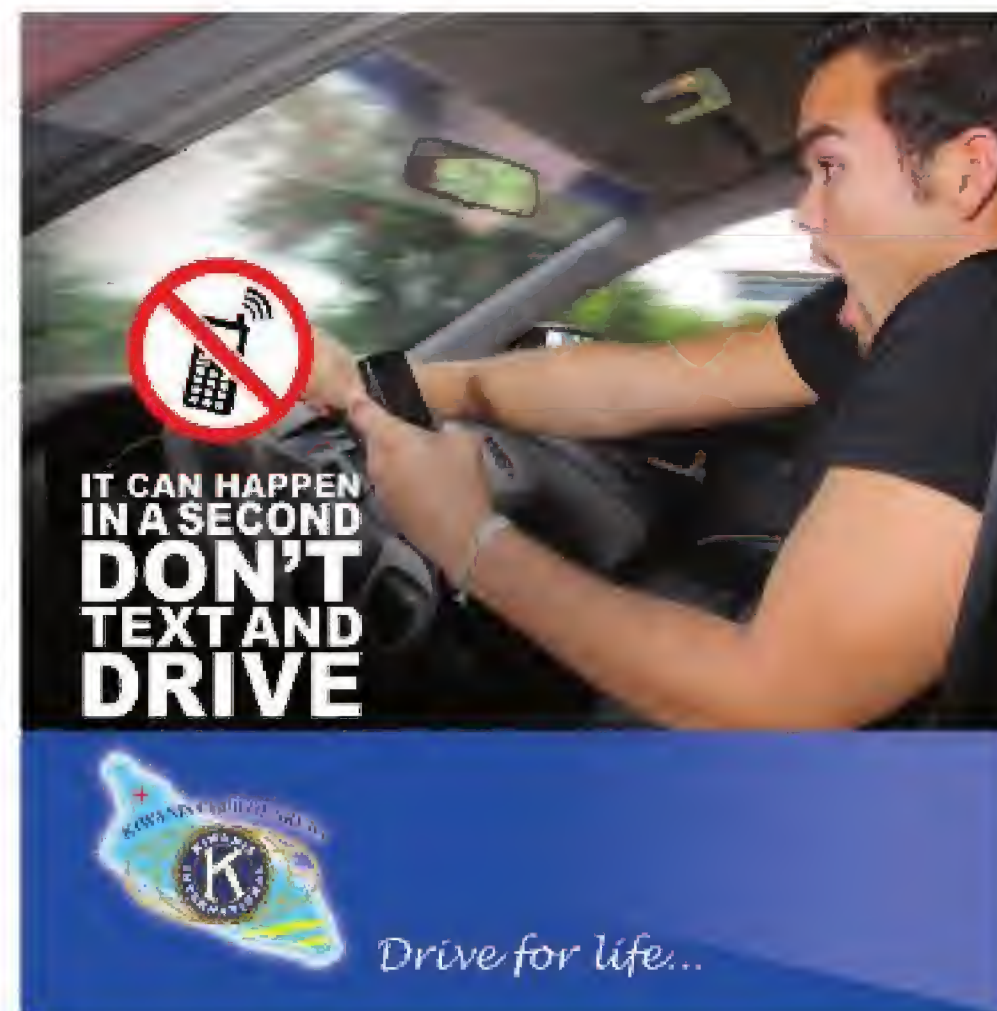
The government argues there is no confirmed link be-

tween the earthquakes and the work on the plant, but environmentalists strongly disagree.

The plant is located near a fault line but the region has very little seismic activity, according to the president of Spain's College of Geologists, Luis Suarez.

Three other underground gas storage plants exist in Spain - in Huesca at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains, in Guadalajara in the centre and in Bermeo in the northern Basque Country. No seismic activity has been recorded near those plants.

BRASILIA (AFP) - The chief of the Kayapo indigenous people, Raoni, attends a chiefs meeting in Brasilia on October 1, 2013, in the beginning of the National Indigenous Mobilization Week. Indigenous people from several ethnic groups will concentrate in the Brazilian capital to demand more support from the federal government during the week.



Steak on a Stone-Le Petit Café's specialty



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Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail, a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of



Fish on a Stone

the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer a full breakfast for \$9.99, another unbeatable value!

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Bon Bini or Welcome to Paradise!

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The Mill Resort & Suites is changing the PMS system from Fidelio to IQWARE Inc. The resort is in the process of the installation and configuration and by next week it will start with the training for all employees in the operation department.

The goal is to go live with the new system on September 5th, 2013. With this new system management will have better control of the inventories and will have more accurate information and to facilitate the Front desk with a faster check in and checkout

procedure. It's a innovation with a lot of new technologies and upgrades opportunities to ensure guests satisfaction and management control.

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A new WEBPAGE for The Mill Resort & Suites is being designed. This will include new pictures and updated information and possibility to book online directly to the reservation system. Will share more features as soon this is done.

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Football: Titleholders Bayern crush City, United draw

PARIS (AFP) - Titleholders Bayern Munich, Real Madrid and Paris Saint Germain emerged from the second batch of Champions League action with comfortable wins on Wednesday while the two clubs from Manchester endured differing fates.

David Moyes' United, after their worst start to a domestic campaign in 24 years, were held to a dull 1-1 draw by Shakhtar Donetsk in a game that went ahead without injured Wayne Rooney.

The stalemate, after Danny Welbeck's early opener was cancelled out by Taison 14 minutes from time, left United level pegging with Shakhtar at the top of Group A, after Bayer Leverkusen beat Real Sociedad 2-1.

United's veteran Welsh international Ryan Giggs came on in the second half to overtake Raul with at 145 the most appearances in Europe's top club competition.

Back in Manchester, at the Etihad stadium, City were humbled 3-1 by brilliant Bayern, playing in England for the first time since claiming the trophy at Wembley last season, in a clash that reunited City's manager Manuel Pellegrini with Pep Guardiola.

The pair are old foes from Spain, when they occupied the dugouts at Real Madrid and Barcelona respectively in 2009-10.

Guardiola it was who came away with the bragging rights this time after goals from Franck Ribery, Thomas Mueller and Arjen Robben - Alvaro Negredo getting a late consolation for City - pushed the German giants onto six



points and firmly in command of Group D.

"We've got six points and we've taken a good step towards qualifying for the next stage. I think we dominated the game and we dominated possession," said Guardiola.

For City defender Micah Richards "it felt like they had an extra man" while Pellegrini conceded: "I think we played really bad."

"It's not the team we see every Sunday here in the Premier League and that was I think the worst thing."

City lie second on three points with CSKA Moscow, 3-2 winners over Viktoria Plzen, in third on goal difference.

Pellegrini's predecessor at City, Roberto Mancini, enjoyed a baptism of fire in his first game just 48 hours after being appointed coach of Galatasaray.

Didier Drogba gave Mancini the perfect start, putting the Italian's new Turkish club into the lead - but Juventus hit back with a late double from Arturo Vidal's penalty and Fabio Quagliarella before substitute Umut Bulut's bagged the equaliser two minutes from time.

His opposite number, Antonio Conte, reflected: "Of the two goals, the one that hurts most was the late equaliser. To

concede a goal in the 87th minute always hurts, but that's football."

Galatasaray, who are bottom of Group B, had been hammered 6-1 by table toppers Real Madrid last time out and Real were at it again, drubbing FC Copenhagen 4-0 at the Bernabeu with doubles from Cristiano Ronaldo and Angel di Maria.

The nine-time European kings - without Gareth Bale (thigh strain) - are well on course for the last 16, four points ahead of Juve with the Italians next up to visit Real's stronghold.

At the Parc des Princes PSG were sitting pretty on six points and occupying the Group C summit after their 3-0 win over Benfica.

The moneyed Parisians indicated they are genuine title contenders with a stunning first-half display thanks to superbly-worked goals scored by Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Marquinhos and another effort by the Swede.

"They (PSG) showed the power of their financial investment," said Benfica coach Jorge Jesus. "Last season they were knocked out by Barcelona without losing and they will compete to win the tournament this season."

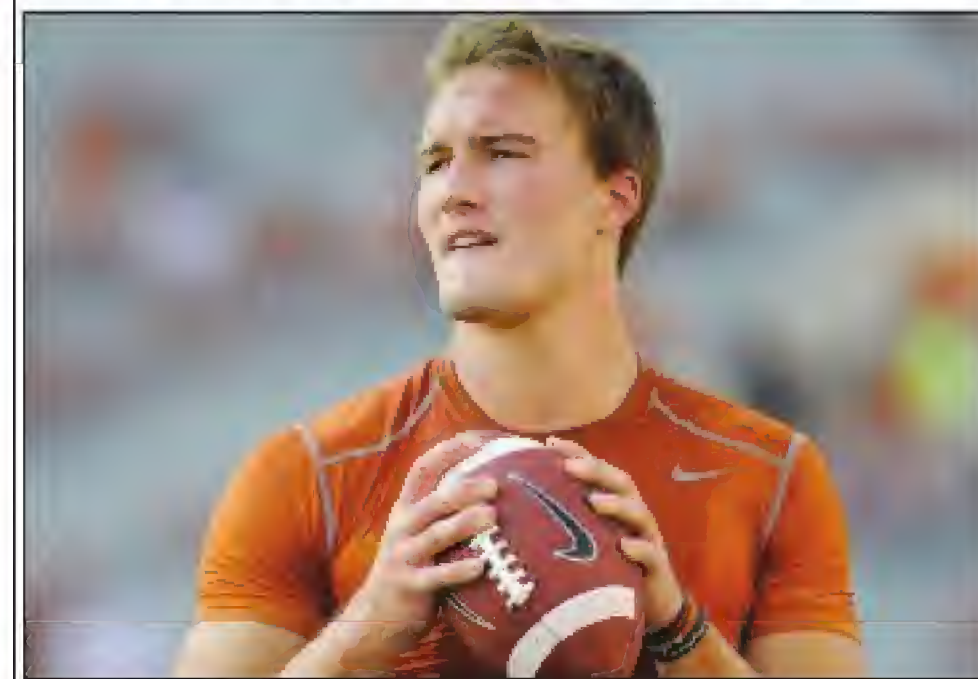
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TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) - The coach of the Honduran national football team for Spain 1982, Jose de la Paz Herrera aka "Chelato Ucles", poses next to the FIFA World Cup in Tegucigalpa, on October 1, 2013. The Cup is in Honduras for two days as part of a tour to exhibit it in 89 countries before the beginning of the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014.



Les Sables-d'Olonne (AFP) - Swiss skipper Yvan Bourignon (R) and French skipper Vincent Beauvarlet pose on October 2, 2013 in Les Sables-d'Olonne, western France, three days before to take the start, on October 5, for a one-year trip around the world without assistance on a 6, 40m multi hull, "Defi SMA".



AUSTIN - Texas medical staff says junior quarterback Davis Ash won't play tonight against Iowa State because of a head injury. Senior Case McCoy will start for the Longhorns (2-2) against the Cyclones (1-2).





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MLB: Pirates rip Reds to advance in playoffs

PITTSBURGH (AFP) - Russell Martin blasted two home runs and Marlon Byrd smashed another to give the Pittsburgh Pirates a 6-2 Major League Baseball playoff triumph over Cincinnati on Tuesday.

It was the first playoff game for the Pirates, or in Pittsburgh, since 1992 and the victory put them into a National League divisional-round series against the top seed St. Louis Cardinals starting today.

The other National League playoff series opening later this week will match the Los Angeles Dodgers against the Atlanta Braves.

The Pirates had their first winning season since 1992 at 94-68 and played their first



playoff game at home since the fifth game of the 1992 National League Championship Series.

Football: Ronaldo double sees Real ease past Copenhagen



MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid made it six points from two games in Group B as doubles from Cristiano Ronaldo and Angel di Maria guided them to a 4-0 win over FC Copenhagen on Wednesday.

Following his hat-trick in the 6-1 thrashing of Galatasaray in matchday one, Ronaldo now has five goals in just two Champions League games this season.

A 2-2 draw between Juventus and Galatasaray in the night's other game in Group B leaves Madrid well on course

for the last-16, four points ahead of Juve with the Italians set to visit the Spanish capital next time out.

With Gareth Bale sidelined due to a thigh strain, Real boss Carlo Ancelotti had reacted to Saturday's 1-0 derby defeat to Atletico Madrid by making five changes.

Iker Casillas returned in goal for the first time in nearly nine months at the Bernabeu, whilst Raphael Varane and Marcelo also made their first appearances since recovering from injury.

Basketball: Harlem Globetrotters sold to Atlanta-area firm



NORCROSS (AFP) - The Harlem Globetrotters, the comedy basketball squad formed in 1926 that has taken their show around the world, has been purchased by a firm based in suburban Atlanta.

Herschend Family Entertainment (HFE), which 26 amusement park properties across the United States include Dollywood and Silver Dollar City, announced the acquisition on Monday from Los Angeles-based Shamrock Capital Advisors.

The Globetrotters perform more than 400 times each year around the world, reaching more than three million spectators in more than 30 nations.

"For nearly nine decades, the Harlem Globetrotters have had a rich tradition of creating family memories through sports and entertainment," said HFE president Joel Manby.

"The team is coming off its best touring year ever, and this acquisition helps HFE diversify into a new but complementary business."

The Globetrotters have played more than 25,000 games in 122 countries over six continents, attracting more than 138 million fans and earning a place in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

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Boxing: USA Boxing takes a jab at Tyson over pro signings



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Mike Tyson's signing of a US teen amateur boxing star to a professional contract has sparked verbal jabs from USA Boxing president Charles Butler after losing a top Olympic prospect.

Former world heavyweight champion Tyson, now a fight promoter, signed Erickson Lubin on Tuesday, the young prospect's 18th birthday, according to a Twitter posting by the fighter, who said, "My pro career starts now."

Butler wrote an open letter to Tyson asking him to stop trying to lure Olympic prospects into the pro ranks.

"You are offering these athletes pennies on the dollar of what they could be worth with an Olympic medal or even potentially just being an Olympian," Butler wrote to Tyson.

"You are also undermining the next United States Olympic boxing team in the process."

USA Boxing said it will seek action from lawmakers to stop "professional promoters from attempting to sign athletes in the Olympic pipeline."

No US boxers won Olympic medals at London last year and the lone medal from 2008 at Beijing was a bronze by Deontay Wilder. Not since reigning super-middleweight world champion Andre Ward won Athens gold in 2004 has a US male fighter collected gold.

Lubin had been offered a residency training program spot at the US Olympic training center in Colorado, all at no cost, whereas his pro training figures to be financed by future fight income.

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Football: Qatar says would host 2022 cup any period

DOHA (AFP) - Qatar said on Wednesday it was ready to host the 2022 football World Cup in the summer, or another time, ahead of a FIFA Supreme Committee in a statement.

"We bid for the FIFA World Cup in the summer because we saw the opportunity to present solutions for players and fans in our country, and others with similar cli-

mates, to enjoy the outdoors in cool, safe and comfortable conditions in the summer months," said the Qatar 2022 Supreme Committee in a statement.

"We committed significant time and resources toward proving that we could host the tournament in summer in cool, comfortable and safe conditions.

"If the international foot-

ball community reaches a consensus to move the event to an alternate date, we are able to accommodate that change. This would not affect our planning and preparation," it added.

The FIFA Executive Committee is expected to discuss the dates for the 2022 tournament in a meeting in Zurich, Switzerland.

Qatar was awarded the

right to host the 2022 tournament in 2010, but FIFA, UEFA and footballers' union FIFPro have since called for it to be moved to a different time of year.

However, proposals to change the date of the tournament have met with opposition from leading European clubs, who are concerned about disruption to their traditional calendars.